

What is claimed is:

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1. A method for use by a portable processing device for accessing patient record information, comprising the steps of:
    - receiving user entered information identifying at least one patient record to be acquired and a content portion of a patient record to be acquired;
    - generating a URL link for accessing a patient record repository, said generated URL link including an address of said repository and containing fields incorporating said information identifying said content portion and said patient record;
    - communicating said generated URL link to an application used for accessing said repository; and
    - receiving said identified patient record content portion in response to said communication.
  2. A method according to claim 1, wherein said receiving step also includes,
    - receiving information identifying a desired format for said patient record to be acquired.
  3. A method according to claim 1, including the step of,
    - receiving configuration information determining at least one of, (a) a URL of a patient record repository, (b) a proxy server address, (c) user login information, (d) lists of patients to be accessed, (e) content type of a patient record and (f) format of a patient record.
  4. A method according to claim 1, including the step of
    - generating a notification indication for display to a user indicating said identified patient record content portion has been received.

~~said received patient record content portion comprises HTML web  
navigational information.~~

6. In a system including a patient record repository, a method for g with a portable processing device for accessing patient record comprising the steps of:

receiving URL link data fields containing information identifying a patient record and a content portion of said patient record;

deriving said information identifying a patient record and a content  
 1 patient record information from said URL link data fields;

searching said patient record repository to locate said identified patient portion;

communicating said located patient record content portion to a processing device.

7. A method for use by a portable processing device for providing patient record information to a patient record information repository, comprising the steps of:

initiating display of a data collection page for a patient;  
storing updated patient record information acquired by user data entry  
collection page;

generating a URL link including an address of said repository and fields incorporating said updated patient record information and identifying a patient record; and

communicating said updated patient record information to said repository at said address in response to user selection of a displayed

8. A method according to claim 7, wherein  
said step of communicating said updated patient record information  
communicating said updated patient record information via said URL data  
information repository.

15. A method according to claim 7, including the step of providing a menu supporting user customization of a data collection page for a particular patient.

16. A method according to claim 7, including the step of initiating display of a patient record contents menu comprising a plurality of links to a corresponding plurality of portions of a patient record including a link to a patient data collection page in response to user selection of a link to said patient record.

17. In a system including a patient record repository, a method for communicating with a portable processing device for accessing patient record information, comprising the steps of:

receiving URL data fields incorporating updated patient record information and patient record identification information;

deriving said patient record identification information and said updated patient record information from said URL link data fields; and

storing said updated patient record information in a record identified by said patient record identification information.

18. A method for use by a portable processing device for providing updated patient record information to a patient record information repository, comprising the steps of:

initiating display of a data collection page for a patient including data previously recorded for said patient;

storing updated patient record information including additions and deletions to said previously recorded data acquired by user data entry via said data collection page;

generating a URL link including an address of said repository and containing fields incorporating said updated patient record information and information identifying a patient record; and

communicating URL data fields including said updated patient record information to said information repository at said address in response to user selection of a displayed menu icon.

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